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<b>TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A SUBMISSION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371</b>		ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER 2271/76516  U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5) <b>10/385674</b>
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/JP2005/020761	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE 07 November 2005	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED 11 November 2004
TITLE OF INVENTION IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD, PRINTER DRIVER, IMAGING APPARATUS, IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS, AND IMAGING SYSTEM		
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US <b>Shigetaka SAKAKIBARA, Masakazu YOSHIDA, Masanori HIRANO</b>		
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8. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).		
9. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).		
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18. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the published International Application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).		
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<b>TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =</b>				\$ 1,300	
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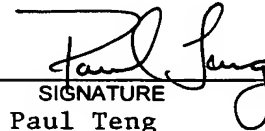
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- cover page of PCT Publication No. WO 2006/051921 A1;
- copy of PCT Request;
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